

Society:-:

JUST the happiest, busiest young people of society at present are the debutantes, who are all adorned with the round of tea, luncheon, receptions, dances and theatre parties given in their honor. There are fairly girls making their bows this winter, and they are coming out with a flourish of trumpets that beguile description—so many flowers, so many lovely gowns, so many suitors, such a number of beautiful parties to attend—everything is as it should be and the early winter season is turned over entirely to their young ladyship. Three beautiful dances followed each other in a very attractive succession this week, and two very charming girls were introduced at cotillions Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

That the season is really now was confirmed last Monday night with the opening dance of the Richmond German Club. Social gaieties have begun in earnest, and while the younger set is enjoying a long list of festivities planned in their honor, the older set are planning and completing arrangements for many large entertainments to follow the Christmas holidays. Dancing is popular this season and nearly every debutante to make her bow so far has done so at a big ball or cotillion. For the past two or three years the craze for dancing—conventional and otherwise—has hit the town and society women have gone in largely for fancy dancing, which is regarded as the best kind of physical culture, as well as a clever accomplishment, and where there were formerly more reception and at-home parties, now dances and cotillions have taken their place to a very great extent.

There will be several important weddings during December, in which society is deeply interested. They will be preceded by some very handsome entertainments and some very pretty smaller functions at the Country Club. The Saturday night hop at the Country Club, by the way, has become quite a feature of the society calendar each week, and it is quite the thing to be seen dining there that evening and present at the dance following. A committee of married women is appointed each week to receive guests and tea is served in the afternoon. The luncheon club nearly always winds up there for either tea or dinner, and the pink coats are much in evidence.

Next week will be full of a number of lovely functions and the world will wag on quite as usual.

Affairs of the Week.

Tuesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ball Carter, of 1101 West Franklin Street, will introduce their daughter, Miss Gertrude Carter, to society at a large dance to be given in the ball room of the Jefferson Hotel at 9 o'clock. It will be a very handsome ball and the younger society set has been included in the invitations.

Thursday night, December 14, Mrs. Edwanda Valentine will entertain at a dance at the Country Club in honor of two very much noted debutantes of the winter, Miss Emma Conquest and Miss Elizabeth Bentley.

On Saturday Miss Belle Willard, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Joseph Willard, will be presented to society here. Mrs. Willard will be at home from 5 to 7 o'clock in honor of her daughter on Saturday afternoon, and that evening at 9 o'clock, Colonel and Mrs. Willard will receive the unmarried set. Both affairs will be given in the Willard home on West Franklin Street.

Society Vaudeville.

Early in February the attention of fashionable society will be engaged with a big society vaudeville to be given at the Academy of Music by the Girls' Auxiliary to the Belle Bryan Club. Every smart society is very much interested in the announcement that the auxiliary will give a very unusual charity fete, and it will be a very important event of the late winter season. Every year these girls have had some novel idea on hand to amuse people, and society is more than willing to attend. Last year they gave a great big colonial ball at the Jefferson Hotel, which marked the most extensive gathering of Richmond society during the entire season, and the affair this February promises to be no less fashionable and interesting. A good many novel features will be introduced, notable among which will be a minstrel show. It will be a unique event, and patrons for the evening will include a long list of society people.

Those interested in the arrangement of the vaudeville are Miss Ella Buck, Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Douglas Candler, Miss Trigg and Miss Carter.

Savannah Wedding.

Miss Sarah Hamilton, of Petersburg, was among the out-of-town guests at the Shetter-Lawton wedding, which took place in Savannah, Ga., on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Christ Church of that city.

Says a Savannah sage: "The ceremony was performed by Rev. Francis Allan Brown and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Frederick F. Reese, Bishop of Georgia."

The church of the church was beautifully decorated with palms and white flowers, clusters of white chrysanthemums and roses being fastened to the chancel rail, lectern and pulpit. The top of the altar was banked with maidenhair ferns and white carnations, amid which numerous candles shed a soft light, and on the altar were vases full of white roses and chrysanthemums. The music and organ loft were festooned with a delicate tracery of bamboo vines.

"While the guests were assembling a musical program was rendered by Mr. Self, organist of the church, assisted by Jacobson's orchestra, and several violin solos were played by Mr. Jacobson.

"The ushers were Reginald Keenan, Henry A. Schroeder, Thomas Hilton, Edward T. Steel, Mary L. Perry, Howard Corlier, of New York, Dr. Howard Waring and Spencer Shetter, Jr.

"The bride made her entrance in the strains of 'Lohengrin,' the ushers did not walk with the bride party. The maid of honor, Miss Mary Shetter, walked alone, immediately preceding the bride, who entered with her father, Mr. Epes Shetter, by whom she was given away. At the chancel steps she was met by Mr. Baldwin and his best man, George H. Baldwin, and the betrothal service was read.

"The bride looked very lovely in her gown of white satin, fashioned with high waist line and tucked opening over a panel of Brussels lace. She wore an exquisite veil of Brussels lace arranged in cap effect with a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white and pink roses.

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Handkerchiefs for Gift Giving

See the Christmas Handkerchief Store of Richmond in its enlarged quarters. Every possible combination of pure linen, delicate embroidered, dainty laces, with here and there a touch of color that expert designers have been able to produce, is gathered for your choosing. Initial Handkerchiefs, too, in great variety, for men and women, and plenty of pretty Christmas boxes containing three or six Handkerchiefs.

AT 25c Dainty Hand Embroidered Linen and Fancy Handkerchiefs, hemstitched and lace edge; others with Val. insertion; many pretty designs to select from.

AT 38c or 3 to box, \$1.00—Sheer Alpine Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs; beautiful designs.

AT 50c Hand-Made Pure Linen Ladies' Handkerchiefs, with princess lace edge and medallions; others hand embroidered of sheerest linen and hemstitched edge.

Ladies' Shamrock Lawn Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge, sheer and pretty, 6 to box, 50c

Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched edge; the designs are exclusively our own; 6 to box, \$1.00 and

Also, a very large collection of Linen Handkerchiefs for men, with narrow hemstitched edge; 10c, 12½c and 25c

Children's Handkerchiefs, with colored initial; box of 3 Handkerchiefs 15c

Jewelry Gifts for Her Priced Notably Low

We present to-morrow noteworthy opportunities for saving on scores of the very kind of articles most popular for Christmas giving—values that are remarkable at the beginning of the gift-buying season, and we know that shopping will be early if you read this attractive list:

Crystal Head Hat Pins, all color stones, with the shortpins, just the right length now wanted; each 25c

Sterling Silver Rings, with a complete assortment of stones, 1, 2 and 3 rows, 25c to 50c

Long Bar of Rhinestone set in silver, first quality French rhinestones; special, 50c

Beautiful Silver Carved Belt Pins, in several different designs and shapes; special, 50c

\$1.00 Bowknot Effect Brooches, set in platinum finish, beautifully designed with rhinestones; special, 69c

Rhinestone Pins, in oval, square and round shapes, set in silver; can be used as brooches, also sold in pairs for slipper buckles; \$1.00 a pair, or, each, 50c

Pearl Necklaces, wax filled beads, gold catches, 25c to 50c

Long Coat Chains, in silver and gold, all the wanted stones, 50c to \$5.00

Hand Carved Sterling Collar Pins, with bars to match; each 50c

\$1.00 Sterling Pendant and Chain, with fine French rhinestones and pearl drops; special, 50c

The latest novelty in Earrings are the long effects, in combinations of pearls and rhinestones, inlaid in sterling silver, 1.75

Sterling Silver Mesh Bags, fine silver ring mesh, hand-carved frames and chain handles; low priced for the holidays, 1.75

A very choice and select assortment of Fancy Hair Ornaments, such as Bands, Fancy Combs, Braided Pins and Tiaras, that will appeal to every one, at very low prices.

STARTLING VALUES RESULT FROM THIS

Great Clean-Up Sale of Coats & Suits

This is, without exception, the very best offering we have ever made before Christmas—and reductions to be expected only late in January. These Suits and Coats are now in great demand, and from our own high-grade stock, that have met with the decided approval of women who dress well.

WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS

\$12.50

Were \$16.50, \$18.50, \$20.00

Materials of French serges, broadcloth, corduroy, diagonal, chevots, basket weaves, Scotch mixtures and mannish worsted; many with deep sailor collar; man-tailored.

\$18.50

Were \$25.00 and \$27.50

Materials of wide Wale chevots, chiffon broadcloth, fine quality serge and corduroy; some with revers and collars of velvet and broadcloth; braided and strictly man-tailored.

\$25.00

Were \$32.50 and \$35.00

Superb Suits of Corduroy, chiffon broadcloth in navy and blue; some have inlaid collar and revers of white broadcloth and Retena; fancy buttons; finest quality satin lining; the workmanship is perfect.

WOMEN'S COATS

At \$10.00

Full Length Black Broadcloth Coat, fastened with three frogs, braided collar; lined to waist. Another of fine grade serge, black and blue, full length; French yoke lined.

\$12.50

Were \$17.50 and \$15.00

Mannish White Polo Coats, cut very full.

At \$8.50

Were \$12.50

Long, double faced rough materials in Coats, large sailor collar; in various color combinations.

\$22.50

Were \$29.50

Double Texture Polo Coats, faced with blue collar and cuffs.

At \$15.00

Grey Chinchilla Coat,

sailor collar, turnback cuffs, belt buttoned at back, in solid grey, and contrasting collar and cuffs of blue.

At \$12.50

Dressy Coat of black

broadcloth, turnback cuffs, faced with tan or grey, coronation or blue; wide revers and collar to match; A Coat appropriate for street and evening wear.

\$17.50

Were \$22.50

Double-Faced Polo Coats, blue and white and tan and white.

Bath Robes and Kimonos Make Ideal Gifts

In the search for smart, stylish Kimonos and Robes we have recourse to the best makers at home and abroad. The selection assembled on our third floor is diversified enough to afford every woman the fullest possible choice. Prices extremely moderate.

Short Silk Kimonos, V neck, sailor collar, piped with satin, shirred at waist line, fancy sleeve, in rose, light blue, navy, in solid and flower design, 2.50

Others more elaborate at \$3.98 and \$5.00.

Silk Kimonos, solid ground, with border down front, shirred yoke, back and front satin and ribbon trimmed, all the new shades, \$3.98 and 5.00

Silk Kimonos, Empire effect, yoke back and front tucked, satin piped, in flowered designs and assorted colors; special, 6.98

Men's and Women's Umbrellas That Recipients Will Appreciate

AT \$3.50 Ladies' Black Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, gold and silver handles, heavily embossed.

AT \$4.75 Umbrellas of fine quality, all silk, with very handsome handles in 12-inch length, etched silver and etched engraved, and trimmed with natural wood.

AT \$5.00 \$5.98 and \$6.98—An attractive group of fine quality Pure Silk Umbrellas, with gunmetal, sterling and ebony handles, heavily carved and etched.

For the men we also carry a very large selection, in all the new handles, in plain and fancy finish, \$1.00 up to \$10.00

Simply This—An Absolute Clearance of Our Finest Model Hats at Remarkable Savings

Absolute signifies that every Hat has had to submit to a severe reduction, inflicted by the blue pencil.

Hats that are now in fashion, and creations of the world's best artists. If you have had in mind any particular Hat, and the price was a little too high, and if its here you will get it for less than what you expect.

Sale of Fancy Aprons for Xmas 50c Values, Special, 25c

Just opened 40 dozen Fancy Aprons, some scalloped edge, one in a box, and hand-embroidered effects, in floral designs, in dainty patterns, with lace edge, insertion and tucks, or without pocket and bibb; also others of fine lawn with embroidered or hemstitched ruffles.

20% Off on all Fur Coats in Stock

Instead of Waiting for January. A Gift that's Practical and Lasting.

Nothing restricted—nothing reserved. You can choose any Fur Coat, read the original ticket, and just deduct 20 per cent. off.

The collection comprises the finest picked stock of Fur Coats its ever been our pleasure to show. Coats that have the hall-mark of refinement and made of the best quality skins. Your choice of Marmot, Coney, Pony, Marten, Astrakhan and Seal.

Fine Furs for Xmas Giving

With the cold winter blast still ahead of us a set of Furs come in handy. Our stock is carefully selected. You take no possible chance, and every Fur sold here has the guarantee of Kaufmann as the best in quality and price.

The Christmas Neckfixings Will Be Formally Presented

What's more fitting Christmas gift to the woman of discrimination than is Beautiful Neckwear? Never before have we assembled such an exquisite collection of the latest concepts in Quaker Collars, Fishies, Hand and Pinned Back Collars, Coat and Coat Sets, Side Ruffles and Jabots, Stocks, Bows and Turnover Collars.

Large Muslin Collars, trimmed in Val, insertion and edge, in sailor and pointed effects; special, 1.00

Plaited Muslin Jabots, with edge of wide Irish crochet lace; special, 1.00

Plain Lace Sailor Collar, with cuff for coats or dress, in white and ecru; special, set, 1.25

Plaited Side Effect Jabots, in muslin and net, trimmed with Val and baby Irish laces, in ecru and white; special, 50c

Fine Irish Crochet Dutch Collars, in round, square and pointed effects, from \$2.98 up to \$10.00

Quadruple Plate Silver Toilet Sets

Knowing how people appreciate Toilet Sets as holiday presents, we have made a strong specialty of such articles, in plain, floral, chased and engraved designs—copies of the new flat sterling toilet sets—at very practical and moderate prices.

Comb and Brush Set; special, \$2.50.

3-Piece Military Set, heavy brushes, \$1.50.

3-Piece Toilet Sets; special, \$5.00.

3-Piece Toilet Sets; special, \$6.38.

Ribbon Gifts

If your needle lacks inspiration, go to the Kaufmann store, and if the lovely Ribbons there do not fill you with eagerness to hurry home so that you may fashion the prettiest caps, bags, sachets and needle cases that ever were, then there is no inspiration in beauty. For that Christmas morning gift packages, tie it up with Christmas ribbon. The cost is so little, and we have them in all widths.

Holly Ribbon for tying up holiday or gift packages; special, piece of 10 yards, 15c

4-inch Three-Tone Ribbon, in lavender, yellow, dark green, light blue and pink; 38c value; special, per yard, 23c

6-inch Taffeta Ribbon, satin stripe of same color, suitable for making sash and hair bows, all shades; 48c value; special, 29c

6-inch Dresden Ribbon, with satin crown edge, something new for fancy work; 48c quality; special, per yard, 29c

8½-inch, brocade, Dresden and Persian designs, the widths needed for opera and work bags, \$1.48 value; special, per yard, 75c

\$1.69 value; special, per yard, 98c

Interesting Wedding.

Noted in Virginia and Maryland is much interested in the marriage of Miss Nancy Darling, of Baltimore, and Mr. J. Bernard Robb, of this city, which will be celebrated to-morrow evening at the home of the bride's brother, Charles Terman Darling, in Washington. The ceremony, which will be performed by Rev. S. S. Ware, rector of St. Peter's Church, at Port Royal, will take place at 7 o'clock, and with only the nearest relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and groom present. Mrs. Charles Terman Darling will attend the bride as dame of honor, and Philip L. Robb, of Baltimore, will be his brother's best man. Mr. Robb will bring his bride to Richmond after a wedding trip of several weeks.

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illustrate them by piano selections. The talk will include the Round Table and the Legend of "Parafala"—the old Irish legend of Tristan and Isolde; the "Meibung Lied" and the legend of "The Flying Dutchman." Mrs. C. M. Ferrell will be chairman of the day.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Augusta T. Daniel will meet the literary class to discuss Tennyson, the typical books being "The Idylls of the King" and "In Memoriam."

Dinner for Miss Lamkin.

An informal dinner was given on last Saturday evening aboard the steamship New Hampshire by Lieutenant Smith and Midshipman McClan in honor of Miss Bessie Lamkin, of Richmond, who is spending some time as the guest of Miss Sadie Hill in Norfolk. Among the guests present were Misses Hill, Henry and Cranford, and Lieutenants Smith, Moore and Perry; Ensigns Chevalier and McKee, and Midshipman McClan.

After the ceremony a reception was given at the home of Captain and Mrs. Charles Gasser, 811 West Cary Street, Mr. and Mrs. Lutz went to New York, from which city they sailed yesterday on board the steamship Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm for Europe. They will spend Christmas at the home of the groom in Germany.

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Pohler, was dame of honor. She wore a gown of gray silk poplin, with crystal trimmings, and carried a big bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Little Miss Helen Gasser, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl, and wore a dainty frock of white muller prettily trimmed with lace and a wide blue sash. The ushers included Christian Schauf, W. Thalman, John H. Grum, Bernard Schauf.

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Returning to Richmond.

Mrs. Lawrence Sytle will return to her home in Richmond to-day after an absence of nearly five weeks. Mrs. Sytle has been visiting friends in Birmingham, Ala., where she has been much entertained.

Ten Wednesday.

The women of Sacred Heart Cathedral will entertain at a very attractive tea on Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. The tea will be given in the old church, and Christmas decorations of holly and running cedar will be used. A committee has been appointed to receive the guests, and all are cordially invited to attend.

Harwood—Montgomery.

The marriage of Miss Georgie Elizabeth Montgomery and Alexander Gilliam Harwood was celebrated very quietly at noon on Tuesday of last week in the morning chapel of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rev. J. J. Gravatt, rector of the church, performing the ceremony. Mr. Harwood is from Grove, where he and his bride will make their home, on their return from a wedding trip.

Attends Wedding.

J. G. Stockton, of this city, was among the guests from a distance attending the wedding of Miss Ette

Briggs Ayldett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin P. Ayldett, to William Thomas Minor, of Durham. The ceremony took place in Blackwell Memorial Church in Elizabeth City, N. C., at 9 o'clock on Wednesday evening and was an unusually brilliant affair. The bride wore a handsome gown of heavy white satin embroidered in roses and pearls and trimmed in rose point lace. Her veil was arranged with a coronet of pearls and orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and white orchids. W. D. Minor, of Durham, was his brother's best man. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Decorations for the church and house were similar, Easter lilies and numbers of lighted candles.

In and Out of Town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Bryan, who are traveling in the East, will go to Egypt in January.

Miss Ella M. Garnett, of Washington, is the guest of Mrs. David Terry Williams at 1019 Park Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frazier are guests of their daughter, Mrs. Erskine Miller, at her home in Staunton.

Miss Louise Mason, of this city, is visiting Mrs. Mildred Foster at her home in Alexandria.